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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### *Instructions to consuls at seaports in continental Europe and in Great Britain relative to Russian emigrants.*

On request of the Secretary of the Treasury the Department of State issued the following amended instructions by telegraph December 5 to the consuls at Liverpool, Southampton, Hamburg, Bremen, Antwerp, Rotterdam, and Havre, and a circular of instruction was issued to the other consuls at seaports in continental Europe and in Great Britain:

All immigrants from Russia must be detained five days at the port of embarkation for the United States under medical observation, and if during such detention any quarantinable disease appears or is suspected among them further detention and disinfection must be imposed, as provided by the Treasury regulations. If, however, the American consul or consular agent is satisfied that inspection of Russian immigrants and whatever disinfection of baggage that may be necessary has been accomplished at the Russian frontier, the time occupied in transit by said immigrants from the Russian frontier to the port of embarkation to the United States may be counted in the five days detention required by the United States regulations.

### AFRICA.

#### *Report from Cape Colony—Examination of rodents for plague infection.*

The report of the medical officer of health of Cape Colony shows that during the week ended November 4, 1905, no case of plague was discovered. Out of a large number of rats and mice examined bacteriologically, 1 mouse found at Port Elizabeth was plague infected. No plague-infected rats or mice were found at King Williams Town or in the other districts of the colony. One case of plague remains under treatment at the plague hospital, Port Elizabeth. Bulletins regarding King Williams Town have been suspended, no plague-infected rodents having been found at that place since September 11.

### BRAZIL.

#### *Reports from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, November 8 and 22, as follows:

During the two weeks ended November 5, 1905, the following vessels were given bills of health from this consulate-general: On October 23, the British steamship *Norman Prince*, for New York, with a cargo